misunderstood the Government, and wanted to get over that defect by growing a venerable beard. (*Laughter*). In spite of that we at times have to regard him as an Infant Terrible. (*Laughter*). There is no need of a Committee here like the one in the resolution. Even in Madras, it will be seen that the object of a Committee is only to scrutinise the appropriation grants and the report of the Audit Officer on them. The Audit Officer has to see that the money voted has been spent within the scope of the demand granted by the Council. That is all. I am afraid the present resolution is far from that track.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—It is all one and the same.

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—There are others who will understand arignt my wording and the Madras wording. I think the present Standing Finance Committee is doing all that is necessary with regard to the scrutiny of the budget. Every item is placed before the Standing Finance Committee and they are critically examining every votable item in the budget.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—We are doing that with reference to the allotment and not with reference to the expenditure. That is a great difference. What we are doing there is scrutinising the allotments and not the appropriation and expenditure. Now we want provision that the expenditure and allotment be also looked into. That is all.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Has the Hon'ble Secretary finished?

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—I speak only what is absolutely necessary. I do not speak for making a speech.

**Dr. A. G. Menon** —I second the Secretary in that idea—(*Hear, hear*)

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja**—I withdraw the resolution.

*The Resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.*

## 38. Quran Kept in Law Courts.

*The following resolution was not moved as the mover was then absent.*

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi:—This Council recommends to the Government that out of regard for the religious susceptibilities of the Muslims the copies of the Quran kept in Law Courts might be removed and handed over to the Muslims.

## 39. Low-paid Government Servants.

*As the mover was absent, the following resolution was also considered withdrawn.*

Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam:—This Council recommends to the Government that all low—paid servants of the Government on Rs. 15 and below be posted nearest to the places convenient to them.

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